Dear Joe, Zeleniakm, Davis, Okla translator 3/4/75

So what's wrong with your appearing to be ~~paranoid~~ paranoid in today's world? But xeroxing is too far away and I haven't time. You'll find other indications that should persuade you of the safe arrival of your letter.

It interested me but before I get to that, with brevity for me because I'm unwell and tired and want to throw this infection with a little more rest: can you get some Russian news accounts and translate them for me? And if you can, would you please keep the parts that interest me to yourself? I'm interested in the offical reporting of the Penkovsky case. I doubt there were many stories. But when -if-you have them the whole accounts are too much I'll pinpoint. As an historical matter, however, the whole story with the Russian original would be better.

I have begun and had to lay aside a book in which it will be relevant. Also, would you prefer that there not be credit for the translation? I'd rather give it but you have your own life to lead.

Your ability to read Russian can help with the interesting opinions you express if they are influenced by the material you cite. So does yourknowledge of that society. So, what is there that makes you believe they were "only too glad to show that they had nothing to do with the Dealey Plaza affair?"

Any evidence on "I'm also convinced that the Russians never did buy Oswald's story that he was defecting..." On this and the other points I have my own reasons. I'm asking for yours independently.

Is Minsk really "an obscure little country city...?" But the Polish influence in his spoken Russin stemming from the accent there is valuable information. Would giving him the kind of job he had where he had it be consistent with your belief?

I'm familiar with the Sorge story. But what makes you believe that a relative nobody like Oswald would be a "submarine?" Why not a short-term deal?

Can you add anything material about those in the Dallas-Fort Worth Russian community Oswald knew? Not necessarily for my writing. For my files and understanding. And do you mind identifying those "one or two key figures who may or may not have played a direct or indirect part..." if you have substantial reason for suggesting involvement? I presume you mean oil types, like the Hunts. I know of no hard evidence to implicate any. One can suspect whatever one wants to suspect.

You do not mention having Frame-Up. It has some JFK materials and is the only work not in accord with the official mythology on the King case. It is $10.50 by mail. Insured.

I've not been able to get back to writing for several months. I do have several other books started and one I believe by far the most definitive completed. I lack the money to print it.

Thanks and best regards,

Harold Weisberg